Madhya Pradesh and the Madhya Pradesh Government has stated that around 28 thousand trees in the area are likely to be submerged; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard, stating whether the area under the Bhensatori Irrigation Project is barren or is having thousands of trees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal for diversion of forest land for Bhensatori Project was not approved by the Central Government. The State Government has reported that 36709 trees standing over forest land were likely to be submerged if the project was implemented.

(c) According to the latest enumeration, 35097 trees are standing over this forest land.

Imported edible oil issued through Fair Price Shops at concessional price

15. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imported edible oil is being issued to the Fair Price Shops at a concessional price for supply to the consumers in Delhi and other places;

(b) whether Government have received complaints regarding non-distribution of imported edible oil to the consumers by the fair price shops; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take to strengthen its inspection and monitoring machinery to ensure fair distribution of imported edible oil and other items from Fair Price Shops to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Central Government makes allocation of imported edible oils to States/Union Territories for distribution to consumers through Fair Price Shops. It is the responsibility of the State Government to take proper steps to ensure that the imported oils are distributed to the consumers through Fair Price Shops. The State Governments have been advised to streamline and energise the public distribution system to ensure that the imported oils actually reach the consumers and also to furnish monthly certificate indicating that the imported edible oils has been fully lifted and the same has been properly utilised for the purpose for which it has been allotted. The officers of the Central Government also visit the States/Union Territories to check that the imported oil etc. is available at the Fair Price Shops and distributed to consumers for whom it is meant.

Demand for Statehood by Arunachal Pradesh

16. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for full statehood for the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh is being made since long; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the above-mentioned demand is not being conceded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The demand for statehood for the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh is being made from time to time. The matter will be given due consideraton at the appropriate time, keeping in view the totality of circumstances and other relevant factors.

Anti-Corruption Drive by the C.B.I.

17. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be